



*(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PI will appear for Public Information)*

Natural Resources)

- **Natural Resources Informational Program.** The Natural Resources Department annual informational luncheon is being held on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. Anyone interested in learning more about the important programs of this department should attend. There will be a luncheon served.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Champagne Hearing set w/Council.** Tribal Council will hold a removal hearing for Justice Ryan Champagne at the Three Fires Conference Center on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. (Courts)

(Cultural related items)

- **Manistee Library Summer Reading.** The system of 6 county libraries this year successfully incorporated presentations in their summer reading program by Historical Department Director, Jay Sam on behalf of teaching of tribal history.

(General area items)

- **Casman Academy Park Project receives Tribal Help.** The Casman Alternative Academy in Manistee last week announced a community park project to provide a protected play area for the community. Casman now occupies the old Lincoln Elementary School property. The playground equipment from the former day school at the tribal clinic was donated to Casman.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Tax Department:** On August 1<sup>st</sup> Consumers Energy sent letters to all of their tax-exempt customers asking them to fill out and return a Sales Tax Exemption Certificate. If you are a Resident Tribal Member that is exempt from state sales tax on your Consumers Energy bill, you probably received this letter. It is **not** necessary for you to fill out and return this form. It does not apply to the tax exemption for Resident Tribal Members under the State/Tribe Tax Agreement.

Barb C. has already contacted the Michigan Department of Treasury and verified that they will contact Consumers Energy on behalf of our Tribal, Tribal Entity and Resident Tribal Member accounts. Please contact her immediately if Consumers Energy starts adding Michigan sales or use tax to your bill.

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
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Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.